

Appl. No. 10/609,012

Amd. Dated October 14, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

With entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-22 are pending in the above-captioned application. Applicant has amended claims 1, 12, 16 and 18 herein. Entry of these amendments is respectfully urged since there is replete support throughout the specification for the subject matter added by way of these amendments, and thus such amendments add no new matter into the application.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (650) 623-0667.

Respectfully submitted,

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